



ANOTHER DELAY.

ADVANCE-AGENT McKinley. — Ladies and gentlemen, owing to the indisposition of several members of the cast, the performance of "Prosperity" is postponed until further notice.



NO SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

FIRST POPULIST. — I see some of the railroads are carryin' bicycles free.

SECOND POPULIST.— They are, eh? Then they ought to be made to carry folks that don't ride wheels free, too — jest to even things up.



RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

Cook cracks our china, chips our glass, And I will bet a dime She is the personage who made The famous nick of Time.

HIS IDEA.

"Is n't the Emperor of Germany the grandson of the Emperor William the First?"

"Yes; but he thinks he is the great grandson."

"I TOLD HIM I would stake my reputation upon it."
"What did he say?"

"That he was n't offering odds."

FROM THE HAWVILLE CLARION.

The battle is over. We have met the enemy, and we are theirs. The fight for the post-office is finished, and we are knocked out by a heart-blow. We have lost the coveted prize, and are out something like one hundred dollars, expended in useless lubrication of arid throats; we have lost flesh to the extent of thirty-seven pounds, and squandered in profitless scheming enough gray matter to have written a good-sized encyclopedia; and, owing to our own pre-occupation and the machinations of an incompetent and unscrupulous assistant, we have permitted the *Clariou* to retrogade to such an extent that we will not be able

to drag it back to its former condition and prestige in several months.

In fact, we have lost almost everything worth possessing but our hat, our personal reputation and our manhood; and we hereby give notice that we are ready to sacrifice them, too, for a clerkship at the adjacent Indian Agency, the only thing that seems to be left. We wanted pie, but, as we failed to achieve it, we are now willing to accept plain bread-and-butter.

TO A. LANG.

Most versatile of Scotland's race,
Your fame we know, your fancies note;
You quote with such exceeding grace—
Pray, write some things that we can quote.

A Young Man.



READY TO PRESCRIBE.

LIVING SKELETON.—I don't weigh more 'n seventy-five pounds, Mum.

AUNT HANNAH.— Law sakes! I kin tell ye jest what ter do fer that, young man!



STANDING THEM OFF.

"Well, the law-suzz! Here's a pretty kittle of fish!" angrily ejaculated good Mrs. Flint, looking up from the letter she had just finished reading. "Josiah, your second cousin's wife writes that she and her husband and the four children and her old-maid sister are thinkin' of comin' to make us a good long visit durin' the hot spell, and eat berries and drink rich milk and grow brown and hearty breathin' the invigoratin' country air. They know they 'll have a good time here, she says, b'cuz they enjoyed our company so much when we visited 'em in the city, two years ago. What do you think of that, Josiah?"

"Wal," returned Farmer Flint, judicially; "I should say that they are figgerin' on gittin' back tolerably heavy interest by quarterin' seven people on us for an unknown length of time, in return for entertainin' you an' me in what might be called a homeopathic way in a back bedroom of their city residence for about two days and a half; pretty tolerable heavy interest, Almiry."

Mercy, yes! But what can we do about it?"

pointedly - plain enough, I judged, for a deef-and-dumb man to have understood 'em that the children had been exposed to the measles and they did n't want us to contract the disease, b'cuz it always went so hard with people of our age; and you and me had both had 'em when we was babies, and they knew it. They were so considerate of our health, Almiry, that I guess we'll have to pay 'em back in about the same kind of consideration. So, you jest set down, before it is everlastin'ly too late, and write 'em that you would be delighted to have 'em visit us, but you don't see how you can entertain 'em as you 'd like to, at present, owin' to the fact that me and the boys have jest died of - er - h'm! - small-pox, and as you were writin' the letter with your last breath, as it were, before you follow your loved ones to the silent tomb, or words to that effect; and then sign my name to it. Seems to me that ought to settle 'em - cause 'em to take a tumble to themselves, as the boys say."

"But s'pose it don't, Josiah?"

"Wal, then, I guess we'll have to trust to luck after that; mebby the house 'll "H'm! Let's see! They got rid of us, if I remember correctly, by hintin' pretty burn down before they git here, or suthin' of the kind."

Tom P. Morgan.

NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

ALESMAN. - If the goods are not just as represented, we will cheerfully refund

RURAL CUSTOMER. - Don't tell me sech yarns as that, young man! Ye might gimme me money back, but 't ain't human natur fer ye to be cheerful about doin' it.

CHANGING THE FIGURE.

VAN ARNDT .- See those two girls over there? Not much difference in their figures, eh?

FENILWORTH. - Not the slightest. I'd call them both gawky, long and

angular.
VAN ARNDT.—Yes; but the one in blue is heiress to millions, she 's always referred to as being " svelte."

A MOTTO FOR THE RACE TRACK - "Of the making of books there is no end,"

WHEN WE do good by stealth it does n't take a Sherlock Holmes to unravel the mystery.



HE WAS GENUINE.

SHE .- Did the Count turn out to be an impostor? HE .- Not much! Why, her father had to borrow money to pay his debts!

VERY MUCH SO.

BABY may turn out a rogue, Perchance he'll fall from grace, But just at present, I can swear, He has an open face.

PROOF OF HER VALUE.

"Woman," said the lecturer, "is pure gold." "Yes," interrupted a thoughtful man in a rear seat; "money talks!"

THICKNESS.

"They are not very thick, then?" "No; I fancy they see through each other."

OF COURSE.

HE .- If in the transmigration of souls you should become a fish, what sort of a fish would you like to be? DAISY PINKTILES. - A star fish.

THE SEASONS.

"No!" sighed the Furnace in the cellar; "I don't enjoy the Summer season; it 's dreadfully dull. Winter? Oh! that 's quite another matter. In Winter I usually go out whenever the family does."

QUICK RESULTS.

PILL MANUFACTURER. You say that every man in your Congressional district reads at least two copies of your paper, but does that imply that it is necessarily a good adver-tising medium?

EDITOR Morning Crow. -Good advertising med-Well, I should smile! Why, look here:

Last March a new doctor came here and inserted a twoline ad. Just three days after that a man broke his leg, and before the end of the week half the town had the measles so bad you could fairly hear them break out.



A DEEP MYSTERY EXPLAINED. MR. HUDSON. - That is Golsterbilt's

yacht going up the river, Minnie.

MRS. HUDSON,—Oh! is n't she a beauty! How high she stands above the water! But, then, I suppose, she was built for deeper water, and perhaps the tide is

in a Western town where every man carried a gun.

GOOD CAUSE.

LEEDS.—Were you ever troubled with stage-fright?"

BARNES .- Once-

HONESTY MAY be the best policy in the long run, but a good many people are only sprinters.



THE ELEMENT OF DANGER.

HAPPY DAYS.—Oh, say!—dis is de most excitin' game yer ever seen, - it beats Monte Carlo!

SULTRY KNIGHT.-Wot is there excitin' about it?

HAPPY DAYS .-- Wy, seein' how near yer kin come to de

THE REASON.

"I'm writing to Belle."

"Because you have something special to say?"

"No; because I have nothing special to do."

HOW EXTREMES MET.

"Did her husband come up to her ideal?" "No; - her ideal came down to him."

A WHOLESOME RECIPE.

The milk of human kindness, After churning, should be spread, To suit good people's liking, On folks who are well-bred.

THE CONNECTION.

CITY MAN. - I understand that the Briskbys are highly connected. VILLAGER .- Yes, siree! Their cousin is head-clerk in one of the big hotels, in the city.



PAINFULLY CORRECT PRINCIPLES.

She.— I 've told her repeatedly that I wanted steak rare! HE.—Oh! Well, I suppose she thinks that whatever is worth doing at all should be well done.



HIS COMPLAINT.

FIRST FARMER.- I went all through the Agricultural Department when I was at Washington, and blamed if I don't think it 's a shame the way they run it! SECOND FARMER .- . How is that?

FIRST FARMER.— Why, it 's filled up with young ducks from the cities, and blest if I think they 've given a single farmer a job in the hull place!

BLESSED IGNORANCE.

RS. NEWRITCH.-Well, Henry, we seem to be ketching on in sassiety better 'n I expected.

MR. NEWRITCH. - It comes high, Maria, but ef it pleases you I guess we kin stand it.

MRS. NEWRITCH.—Why, just see what the fashion reporter of the *Tattler* says: "Mrs. Newritch attracted universal attention by the gaucheries so characteristic of the nouveau riche." My! ain't that a lovely compliment, now?

THE LOVER'S PLEA.

Love, in my heart's a home for aye, Where mere existence will be bliss, Free from eviction till I die, At the hourly rental of a kiss!

BOWE .- Harduppe has been arrested for assaulting Bullion, the banker. LOCKE. - So he finally struck something rich.

THE MAN who sacrifices his health in the search for wisdom would be wiser if he did n't.

"LET ME make the wheels of the nation," said the bicycle manufacturer, "and I care not who makes the laws."



"No, sir; not another penny! Good-day!

many lives.

A LITTLE TOO CERTAIN.



IRATE MAN /to ART CHINA DEALER).—No, sir! you will never get another penny of my money, sir! Never! Do you understand?

"The idea of a man expecting me to pay him my good money after — "

AMONG THE AMATEURS.

AMATEUR THEATRICAL HEROINE (indignantly). - You say you don't think the persons in the back of the audience can hear us speak our lines?

PROFESSIONAL COACHER. - No; but don't let that worry you. They can hear the prompter; so they won't lose track of the play.

IN THE LIARS' CLUB.

FIRST DENTIST.—The fact is, I 've got gentleness down to such a fine point that all my patients go to sleep while

I'm pulling their teeth.

SECOND DENTIST. — That 's nothing! Mine are beginning to have their photographs taken while I operate, because they always have such pleasant expressions on their faces.

HER REASON.

WILLY SLIMSON. - Mama said she hoped you 'd call to-day.

MRS. VON BLUMER. Where is your mother? WILLY: -- She 's gone shopping.

APT

RIPRAH. — Why do you call your tom-cat "Napoleon?"

RICKETS.—Because he has so

A CHOICE OF EVILS.

HE.—I think I 'll have to resume smoking cigarettes. SHE.—I thought you had given it up permanently. HE.—I thought so, too; but I 'm afraid the effort will drive me to drink.

FULL OF THINGS.

GILDERSLEEVE. - They say there are microbes in whiskey.

WILBERFORCE .- And air ships, too.

A FEMININE DISCOVERY.

MAUDE. - I 've discovered why they 're called "stag" parties.

FRANCES .- Well, why?

MAUDE. - Because of the prevalence of "horns,"

TO MAKE THEM GCEISS.

Her wheel struck a large chunk of gniess, And, just because she was ogbiess,

The people all laughed,

Or otherwise chaffed,

Till in anger she called out: "Pogliess!"

"No," MUSED the old man, sadly; "my life has not been spent as well as it might have been; and still "—he was apparently calling to mind his better deeds - "I have done

much toward elevating my fellow men."

A faint smile illumined the countenance of the retired boiler-maker.



CHINA DEALER.—That will cost you just one hundred and ten dollars and seventy-five cents. Thanks!



PAVING THE WAY.

SHE.— The minister said that no one could ever attain perfection.

HE.— He must have the impression that you intend to remain single.

THE WHIST-PLAYER'S SOLILOQUY.

O TRUMP, or not to trump, — that is the question:

Whether 't is better in this case to notice

The leads and signals of outraged opponents,
Or to force trumps against a suit of diamonds,
And by opposing end them? To trump, — to take, —
No more; and by that trick to win the lead
And after that, return my partner's spades

For which he signaled, — 't is a consummation
Devoutly to be wished. To trump, — to take, —

To take! perchance to win! ay, there 's the rub; For if we win this game, what hands may come When we have shuffled up these cards again. Play to the score? ah! yes, there 's the defect That makes this Duplicate Whist so much like work. For who would heed the theories of Hoyle, The laws of Pole, the books of Cavendish, The Short-Suit system, Leads American, The Eleven Rule Finesse, The Fourth-best play, The Influence of signals on The Ruff, When he himself this doubtful trick might take With a small two-spot? Who would hesitate, But that the dread of something afterwards, An undiscovered discard or forced lead When playing the return, puzzles the will, And makes us rather lose the tricks we have To win the others that we know not of? Thus Duplicate Whist makes cowards of us all; And thus the native hue of Bumblepuppy Is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought. And good whist-players of great skill and judgement, With this regard their formulas defy, Carolyn Wells. And lose the game by ruffing.

THE COSY FLAT RECEPTION ROOM.

MRS. FLATLEIGH (examining their new piano, regretfully). — Oh! Reginald, the agent did n't give us any piano-stool!

MR. FLATLEIGH (philosophically). — Never mind, dear. You can sit on the sofa on the opposite side of the room and play nicely.

NOTHING ENGAGES our interest and attention more than some of the things that never happen.

A GENEROUS PROFESSIONAL.

FEMININE INQUIRER.—I 've just ripped up a bottle-green dress; — you could n't color it pink, could you?

VETERAN DYER.—No, Ma'am! I should advise you to get a few packages of square dyes, and accomplish it yourself. Of late years we have left all such artistic triumphs to home dyers.

AFTER THE ELOPEMENT.

At leisure would they now repent For wedded haste, with one consent; But that they must keep up their haste, Not having now the time to waste.

APPLYING A PROVERB.

/ IKEY.—Ish it drue, Fader, dot moneysh is der root ouf all evil?

ISAACSTEIN.—It's drue, Ikey; 'n' fer dot reason you shouldt alvays pull evil oup py der roots.

RECKLESS EXTRAVAGANCE.

Tommy (reading).—"The desperate outlaws, finding themselves surrounded, resolved to sell their lives as dearly as possible; but the assailants advanced bravely—"

EDITH. — How foolish!
Why did n't they wait till
bargain-day?

HIS OPINION. "What do you think

about that question of Jonah?" "Oh! it 's like the Napoleon revival,—can't last—can't last!"

BEYOND IT.

SHE. — Are Mrs.
Slinger's daughters at
a marriageable age?
HE. — Not now.

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"A LAWN PARTY."

VERILY, A RAINY Sunday is worse than a puncture on the road; for, with the latter a temporary repair is always possible, but the day that is lost is gone forever.



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A PASSION FOR INVESTIGATION.

FIRST WESTERNER.—Pete allus was an inquisitive cuss!

SECOND WESTERNER.—Allus! I knowed him to drink a glass o' plain sody-water jest to find out what it was like.



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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

OUR "NEW" journals have long made a specialty of "CHROMO" MINISTERS. contributions from the clergy. No matter what depths of inanity or viciousness they have reached, there has not been wanting some discerning member of the cloth to aver over his own name that they were messengers of sweetness and light and regeneration. The minister of a "fashionable" church is considered an especial prize by the perpetrators of this brand of journalism. If, in a Sunday issue, they can crown the usual lot of signed articles by soubrettes, burglars, politicians, bartenders and idiots with a letter from the Rev. Dr. Guff, asserting that in his estimation the Splurge is "the most progressive and up-to-date of dailies," they have done well in their own minds, and they take pains to print a large portrait of the Rev. Dr. Guff, and to print his sermons at length, with words of praise for them. A veritable triumph in this line was lately achieved by one of the "yellowest" of the "new" journals. A minister of God, by the name of Peters, who has already attained some notoriety by dint of frantic effort, found the Master's work to demand that he attend and report a prize-fight for this sheet. It was an unusually brutal fight, even for New York City, but he staid to the end, sustained by the promise of further advertisement from this disreputable source. The "new" journals seem to be developing "new" ministers of God - "yellow" ministers, quite as vicious in their methods as the journalism that is spawning them.

THE SUGAR SCANDAL.

OW TIMES have changed! Where once a Republican Congress was wont to rush through a high protective tariff with exultant whoops, with a great waving of the old flag, and with hearty slaps upon the back of the American workingman over his good fortune in being so highly taxed, it is now

putting one through in an atmosphere heavy with gloom and dark with apologies. As apologist for the imposition now in hand Senator Aldrich has no easy part. Abject though he has been, - for what could be more groveling than the admission that extreme protection is bad, and that the McKinley tariff was extreme? -- he has failed to pacify even the staunchest veterans of his own party. They persist in shying at some one of his offenses, - at hides, or sugar or wool. And no one seems to realize more keenly than Senator Aldrich that the general public is at last "on to" the game of protection, - knows just whom it robs and into whose pockets This new light has come chiefly from the sugar scandal. the money goes. It is n't that Mr. Havemeyer and Mr. Searles have put themselves in contempt of the United States Senate by refusing to tell how much they have paid for their special privileges; a large body of American citizens would join them in this attitude toward the Senate. But it is the unblushing admission by these gentlemanly pirates that they have doled out the money of the Sugar Trust to both Democrats and Republicans, according to which party could be of more use to them. Nothing could more effectually expose the fraud of the old plea that Protection is for the benefit of the laborer. There is something rotten in any system under which a corporation can swell the funds of any political party. owed by the present administration to the Sugar Trust may be guessed by the fact that the differential duty alone now proposed on refined sugars will exceed all the wages paid to workingmen employed in American Sugar

HEATHENS
"IN OUR always sound louder than one from the next block?
We are moved to this old query by a recent press despatch. It tells that Miss Carry Parker, the only colored

school-girl in Vermilion County, Indiana, has just graduated from the Clinton High School after four years of discouragement and insult at the hands of her fellow pupils, and rank oppression by the trustees of the school. In spite of this treatment from those who should have done all in their power to help and encourage her, Miss Parker made a splendid record and "triumphed over all others in her class when she delivered her graduating address." The despatch adds that "she will apply for a place in the mission field and devote her life to teaching the heathen." Of course she will go into far lands seeking heathen to teach, with perhaps never a thought for the benighted ones at her own door. A sensible and Christian scheme would be for her to begin work upon those heathen who were her own classmates. After teaching them the way to be ladies and gentlemen she might turn to the school trustees and show them how far short they have fallen as men and officials. And, finally, she would have a broad field for work in the general community that sanctioned her persecution because of the color of her skin. Why go to Darkest Africa when Darkest Indiana lies close at hand? Why not teach the natives of Vermilion County the beauties of love and charity and common decency and good manners, instead of teaching less needy heathen some more or less immaterial dogma about clothing, diet and theology?

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

"You say," said the Sultan, "that our navy is in bad shape?"
"Very bad, Your Majesty," replied the naval expert; "some of the ships could n't move if you gave them a bonus or a silver service."

HOPE DEFERRED.

FIRST OFFICESEEKER.— Will they do anything for you?

SECOND OFFICESEEKER.— Well, I have an assurance that when Cuba is annexed I am to be appointed United States Marshal for the District of Pinar del Rio.

SURPRISED.

CITY NEPHEW. — I have very little money in the bank, but I have a good deal tied up —

UNCLE JOSH. — Land sakes! I thought you city folks was all past keepin' yer money in stockin's.

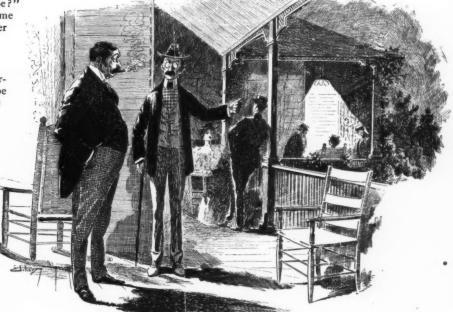
DIPLOMA.

Ba, ba! black sheep
I guess you 're going to catch it;
Mae's complexion 's dark, and her
Diploma 's got to match it,

WHEN THE office-seeker calls to pay his respects he expects a tangible receipt for them.

A DEBT IS more easily avoided than a creditor.

ANYBODY'S GOOD opinion is worth having, but it is not always worth the price paid for it.

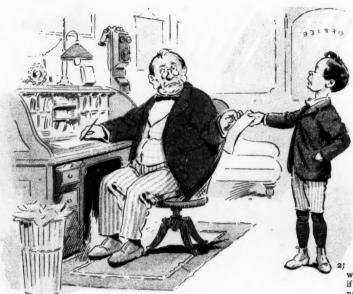


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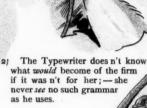
GUEST.—I see you have had an electric light put in that corner where it was so dark last season.

 $\label{eq:SUMMER} \textbf{SUMMER HOTEL PROPRIETOR.} \mbox{\longrightarrow} \textbf{Yes.} \quad \textbf{I} \mbox{ was afraid if } \textbf{I} \mbox{ did } \textbf{n't} \\ \textbf{the flooring would break down some night.}$

PUCK.



Of course everybody knows the Office Boy's demeanor.





5) The Cashier would like to resign, just for fun, only to see where the "Old Man" would land, anyway.



7) The Foreman thinks that if the "Old Man's" daughter knew who it was that really earned those diamonds she's wearing, she would be more deferential in asking questions; — where would she be now, only for him?



The only modest and unassuming "Old Man," himself; and he ascribes and merciful Providence which watche



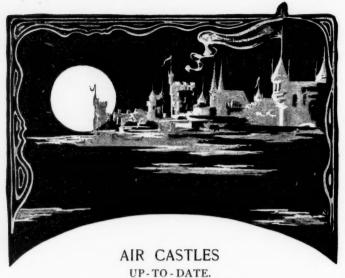
8) The Lady Office-Cleaner says, "Dat for ruin entirely ef it was n' fo' me pickin' up

A FEW SNAP-SHOTS AT THE "POWERS THAT BE"

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THE OLD TERM MODERNIZED.

MR. CITILY.— Is your cottage far from the railroad?

MR. ISOLATE (of Lonelyville, cheerfully).—No; only five minutes' bicycle from the station!

IN BOARDERDOM.

AGENT (solicitously). - Sir, I have here some indestructible pie-plates.

MR. HALL BEDROOME (grimly).—Well, you have come to the right house to sell them. That 's the sort of pies Mrs. Skinner gives us.



NOT MUCH LUCK.

"Are the fish biting well to-day?" asked a man of a boy who was fishing in a brook not far from Boston.

"The fish do not bite, sir," replied the boy, respectfully.
"They swallow the bait, and the hook embeds itself in their mouth.
But they are very wary to-day, sir."



HIS INABILITY.

RED-NOSED DRUMMER (in Kansas drug store).— Please give me something for the hiccoughs.

DRUGGIST.—Serry, sir! but the Prohibitionists are watching me so close just now that I can't sell it at all.

JUVENILE FORESIGHT.

"Georgie, I'm glad to see that you are polite and offer sister the oranges first."

"Yes 'm; - 'cause then she has to be polite, an' take th' little one."

HIS SENTIMENTS.

MRS. HENPECK. — Nine times out of ten people marry for money, owadays.

HENPECK (unguardedly). — Well, if I were single again money could n't hire me to marry anyone!



A REAL SURPRISE.

ETHEL.—So he dropped right down on his knees and proposed?

Dear me! Did you say, "this is so sudden?"

Penelope.—Oh, no! It was so unexpected, you know!

HARD LINES.

RIEND (in surprise).—Why, I did n't know you got shaved regularly at this big department store!

THE VICTIM (in department store barber - shop, disgust-

store barber - shop, disgustedly).—I don't! I got some ribbons here for my wife, and I had to wait so long for the change that I thought I'd be barbered,—and now, when the change does finally come, I'll have to give it to the barber for a tip!

ONLY A VISION.

"Stebbins has seen the airship." "Where?"

"It was that postmastership he thought he was going to get."

VERY UNPOPULAR.

GUMMEY,—The European concert reminds me of some performers of classical music.

GLANDERS.—In what

GUMMEY. — It refuses to play anything popular.

THE GREEKS have been making history, but they have turned out a poorer article than they expected.

A PENNY SAVED may be a penny earned, but the remuneration does not always justify the labor.

A STAGE WHISPER.

T IS THE voice of the critic,
I hear him declare:

'The drama is on the decline, That I 'll swear!

The vaudeville mania
Is spreading apace.
Gadzooks! I maintain
'T is a very sad case.''

"Smoke up, gentle critic!"
(It is thus I entreat),
"A cheerfuller view that
you took
It were meet.

For you can not deny
That the roof-garden rage
Has much elevated
Both public and stage."

"Elevated the stage?"
Is the critic's reply;
"No! All that it's done
Is to knock it sky high!"

Ben Thornton.

HIS ERROR.

"What would you do if I turned you down?" she shyly asked, as they sat on the sofa.

The young man looked straight ahead, but said nothing.

After a silence lasting about a minute and a half she nudged him with her elbow and said, "Did n't you hear my question?"

He looked around, alarmed. "I beg your pardon," he replied; "I thought you were addressing the gas."

WE ALL have our faults, but we prefer to be our own fault-finders.



MAKING MATTERS WORSE.

MRS. WATSON.— John, see, I have bought a cook-book for our cook.

MR. WATSON (in alarm).—Good heavens! Clara, what do you want to do that for? Don't give it to her! Her cooking is bad enough now. Don't do anything to make it worse!



Evans' Ale Evans' Stout

To be taken at dinner, or with a Rarebit, or Sandwich, as the case may be.
Repeat as symptoms

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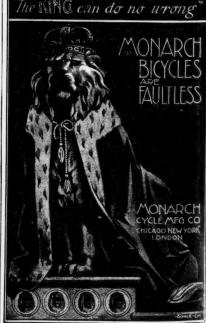
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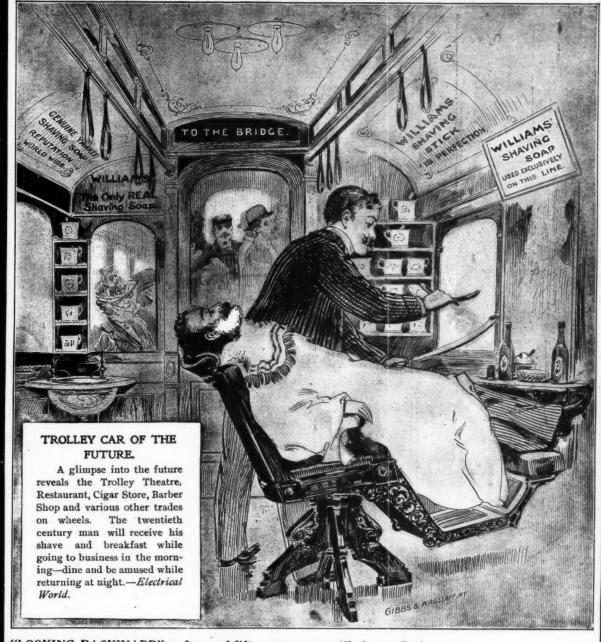
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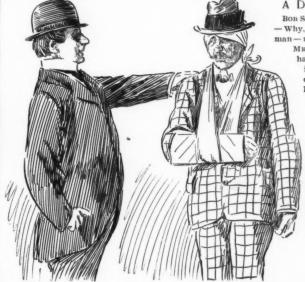


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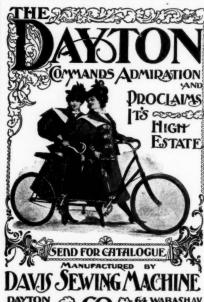
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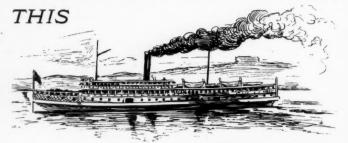
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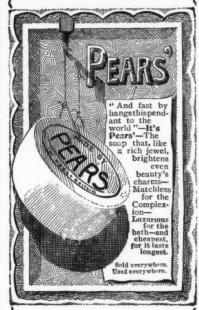
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"I do think a dog
has a good deal of intelligence," said the
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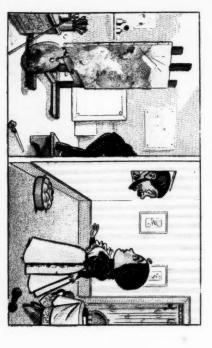
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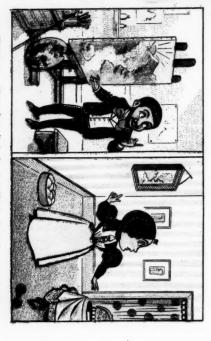
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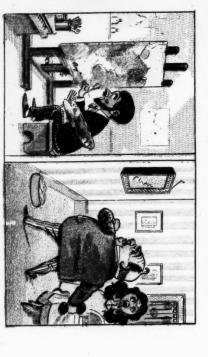


D'AUBER.—Ah! Angelics, my own! your father has forbidden me to see you; but, look!—I have cut a hole through the wall, and we can thus outwit your cruel parent.

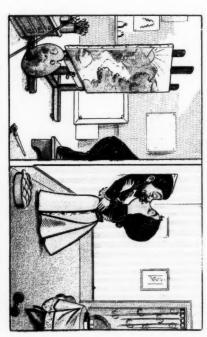


D'AUBER. — How does it look, Angelica? Does it conceal the opening?

ANGELICA.—Completely, Angelo, dear! What a smart, lovely man you are to be able to outwit Papa! Seesh! Here he comes now!



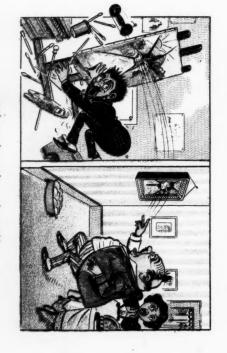
ANORLICA'S PAPA (wrathfully).—What do you mean? Did n't I tell you never to have anything to do with that miserable paint-pot? I'll settle that picture all right?

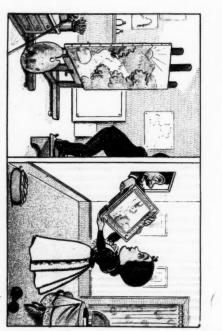


ANGELICA. — O Angelo! this is blissful, -- but how dangerous! Papa will surely see the hole in the wall.

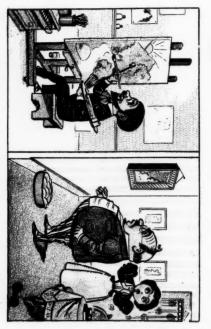


D'AUBER (sitting down to his work).—Ah! my masterpiece! It will bring me fame and fortune. Then I can bid defiance to the old man and call Angelica my own.





D'AUBER.—Ah! dear, it is a fallacy to think that artists have no brains! Just hang this picture over the opening, and your father will never be the wiser.



ANGELICA'S PAPA.—What is that picture up there on the wall?
Where did it come from? I never saw it before.
ANGELICA (trembling).—Why, Papa—er—er—Mr. D'Auber, who occupies the next apartment, gave it to me. Is n't it beautiful?



ANGELICA'S PAPA.—Young man, the next time you concoct a scheme you had better borrow some brains from a cart-driver!